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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6827

BILL NUMBER: HB 1762

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 26, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Feb 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Permits for work on certain ditches and drains.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Friend

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Jackman

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that a person is not required to obtain a permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before conducting certain work on a ditch or drain from which water empties into a lake if (1) the ditch or drain continues to empty into the lake at the same location after the work is completed; and (2) the work is conducted using best management practices for soil and erosion control.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: Under the "Ditch Act" (IC 14-26-5), the DNR Division of Water processed 9 applications in 2005, and 3 or 4 of those were on inlets to public freshwater lakes. The application fee is \$25, and the revenue is deposited into the dedicated Lake and Water Resources Fund. The proposal will result in less revenue being deposited in the fund. Based on prior years, the impact is not expected to be significant.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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